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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Community Guidance on Implementation of
E.O. 12065 (U)

1. Action requested: That you approve proposed security policy guidance to the National Foreign Intelligence Board regarding implementation of Executive Order 12065.

2. Background and discussion: E.O. 12065, which changes certain aspects of the security classification system, takes effect on 1 December 1978. Among other things, it requires agencies to promulgate guides to provide for the identification and uniform classification of information. The Order also requires that information classified for more than six years be the subject of a narrative reason for such extension.

E.O. 12036 - "United States Intelligence Activities" - makes the DCI responsible for ensuring the establishment by the Community of "common security standards" for intelligence information, and for providing policy guidance for the protection of sources and methods. Issuance of common classification guidance is supportive of this responsibility. The attached proposed memorandum is designed to:

a. Task NFIB members and program managers to develop classification guides with particular

reference to sources and methods and compartmented data. (This recognizes the unique familiarity that program managers have with the sensitivity of their data.)

b. Provide a set of Intelligence Community classification criteria to aid in the identification and protection of intelligence information and sources and methods. (The proposed criteria are modeled on those developed for CIA use.)

c. Require a copy of all Community classification guides to be provided to the Chairman, DCI Security Committee, "for review in support of responsibilities under E.O. 12036."


d. Require all compartmented data to be classified for the maximum period allowed under E.O. 12065, and to be reviewed then to determine any further needs for classification protection. (This all-inclusive approach would be subject to revision as shown proper by later, detailed reviews of compartmented programs.)

e. Provide a standardized narrative statement of reasons for extension of classification in the interests of uniform Community usage.

The review function assigned to the Security Committee will permit cross-program analysis and opportunity to standardize Community security procedures.

3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached proposed memorandum for the NFIB.

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Robert W. Gambino

Attachment

